



September 14, 2009

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Attention: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: OEP/DG2E/Gas 1
Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C.;
Ruby Pipeline Project
Docket No. CP09-54-000

Commissioners:

On August 28, 2009, Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C. ("Ruby") received a data request from the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP") in Docket No. CP09-54-000 seeking environmental information related to Ruby's proposed Ruby Pipeline Project ("Project"). Accordingly, Ruby is filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") its responses to the August 28, 2009 OEP Data Request.

Description of Proceeding

On January 27, 2009, Ruby filed its application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, requesting (i) a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, ownership, and operation of new interstate natural gas pipeline facilities; (ii) a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Ruby to provide open-access transportation services with pre-granted abandonment approval; and (iii) a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, operate and/or abandon certain eligible facilities, and services related thereto. The Project is comprised of approximately 675 miles of 42-inch-diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline linking production areas in the Rocky Mountain region to demand regions in northern California, Nevada, and the Pacific Northwest. The pipeline project will be referred to as the "Ruby Pipeline Project" or "Project."

RUBY PIPELINE, L.L.C.

Responses to the OEP Data Request Dated February 23, 2009
Relating to the Ruby Pipeline Project
Docket No. CP09-54-000

30. Discuss Ruby's approach to preventing problematic right-of-way reclamation due to wild horses and burros grazing, and provide a summary of discussions with the BLM addressing this issue.

Response:

POD Appendix K, Draft Restoration and Reclamation Plans for Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and Oregon filed with FERC in July 2009, specifies actions to minimize wild horse and burro grazing within the reclaimed ROW: "Ruby will work with the BLM to minimize wild horse and burro grazing along the restored ROW for three years. Possible management actions would be to provide water sources away from the ROW, include low palatable plant species in the seed mix such as sagebrush, temporary fencing with gaps, and/or reduce wild horse populations following BLM policy in appropriate management areas." BLM wild horse and burrow resource specialists were consulted in developing this management approach.

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